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1. Agency Exceptions to Government Practices : In reference to the Civil Service Commission Bulletin Number 339-3, dated 17 January 1967, restricting the use of Standard Form 89, Report of Medical History, the Office of Medical Services has been making inquiries as to the circumstances and means of possibly attaining an exception from this stated restriction.

Any exception to a form, practice or procedure which is restricted or prohibited by either the CSC or any other controlling body in government and which is to be government-wide in its application requires consideration by the Agency on the senior policy-level basis as to whether we desire to seek a qualification or an exemption. I have directed the Director of Personnel to act as the focal point to assure that any action of this nature is first brought to my attention for the policy considerations involved before we authorize the seeking of an exception from a government-wide practice. In the months ahead and in view of the high Congressional interest in this area, I think it is quite imperative that we follow this very carefully and ensure that our position is sound and exemptions are fully justified and warranted.

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